professionals deputed to PTC, Zimbabwe; and

(c) whether there is any difference in the air-travel, local expenses and other allowances charged by the TCIL from PTC, Zimbabwe and paid to the sub-contractor, if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The total value of 4 projects undertaken by TCIL for Zimbabwe PTC is US$ 1,586,313 & Z $ 5,580,830. Out of these, a part of the project amounting to US$ 319,500 has been sub-contracted to TCIL Bellsouth Ltd. (TBL), a joint venture company of TCIL.

(b) The following persons have been deputed by TBL to implement project for "Administrator" Software package:—

Sl. No.	Name S/Shri	Deputation (Months)	living Allowance (US$) for the period
1.	S. Bhalla	12	16200
2.	Deepak Subedar	8	8000
3.	Pankaj Agarwal	8	8000
4.	S. Agarwal	6	6000

The above allowances are being paid by TBL. Basic Pay and HRA entitlement in India, cost of travel, overseas insurance in Zimbabwe for all the four officers are also being paid by sub-contractor viz. TBL. TBL has taken a bond from each employee to recover the entire expenditure in India and abroad incurred for the deputation plus Rs. 10,000/- in case of breach of contract on pre-mature return.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a difference of US$ 26,500. This takes care of overhead charges and business promotion expenses incurred by TCIL towards the entire contract.

Environmental Clearance of Tourism Development Projects in Gujarat

2192. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some tourism development projects of Gujarat State are pending for environmental Clearance with the Government;

(b) if so, the state where these projects are lying pending; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite clearance of those projects; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No tourism development project of Gujarat State is pending with the Government for environmental clearance.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Tannery Pollutions

2193. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are interested to protect agriculturists against tannery pollution;

(b) whether Government have got proposal to pay compensation to the affected persons both by health and land;

(c) what is the extent of the damage in North Arcot District in Tamil Nadu in particular and in general in the whole of Tamil Nadu;